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African Swine Fever Outbreaks Continue in China

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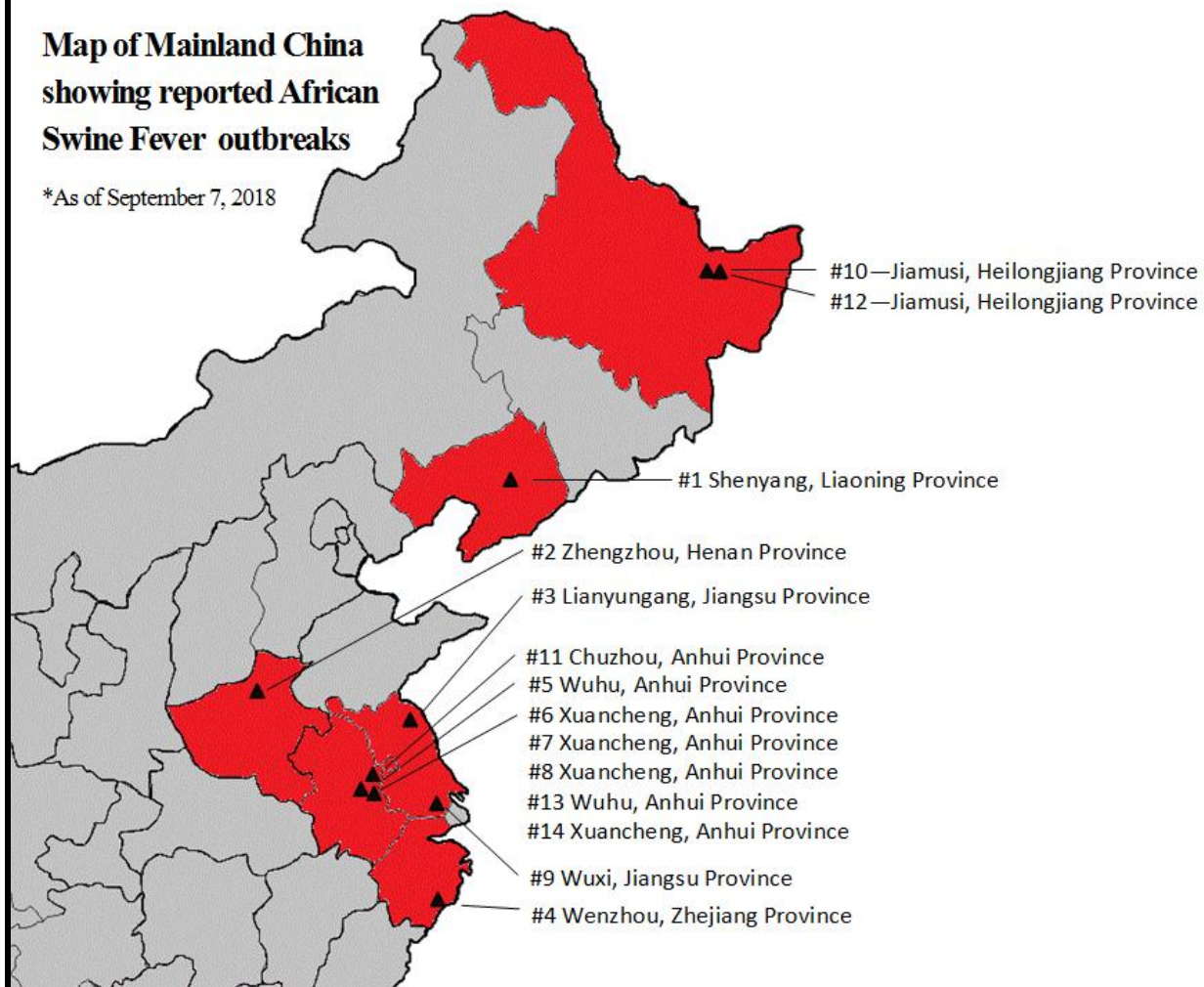
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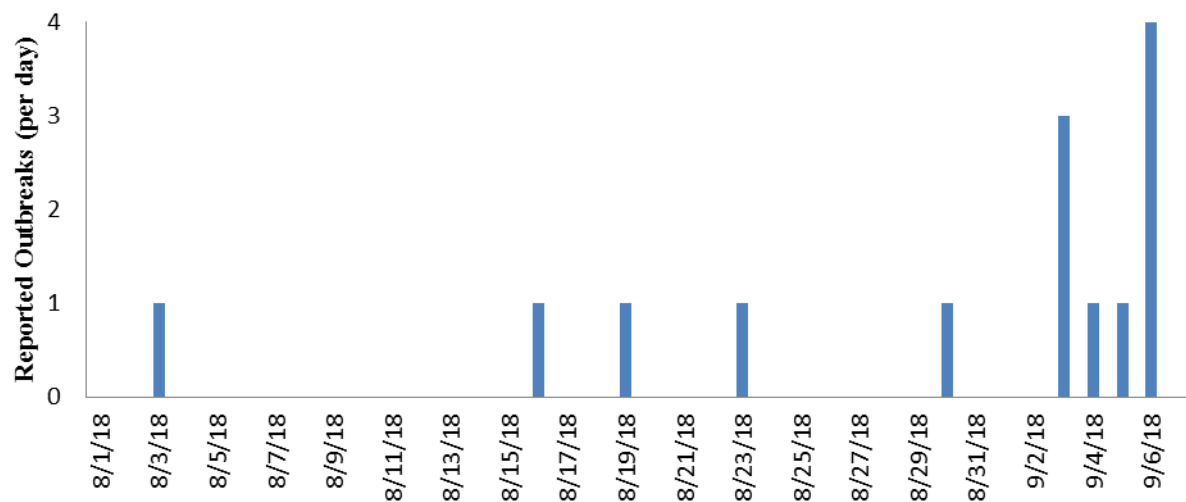
From August 3 until September 7, 2018, China's Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs has officially reported 14 outbreaks of African Swine Fever, across six different provinces. On August 29, MARA held a press conference where it stated that additional outbreaks were likely. On September 2, MARA also announced new movement restrictions on live swine and pork products from "epidemic" provinces. MARA has not fully communicated to the international community how it is implementing the transportation bans indicated in its African Swine Fever Contingency Plan (see GAIN Report CH18050).

Map of Mainland China showing reported African Swine Fever outbreaks

*As of September 7, 2018



Timeline of Reported Outbreaks (by OIE report date)



General Information:

Below is a summary of the reported outbreaks in chronological order by OIE reported date. Also, this report includes unofficial translations of excerpts of the MARA press conferences.

Table Listing Officially Reported African Swine Fever Outbreaks in Mainland China

#	Location	Onset Date	Reports	Details	Notes
1	Shenyang, Liaoning Province	August 1, 2018	OIE: August 3, 2018 MARA: August 3, 2018	47 deaths, 47 cases, 383 susceptible	Note: MARA filed three follow-up reports with the OIE
2	Zhengzhou, Henan Province	August 14, 2018	OIE: August 16, 2018 MARA: August 16, 2018	30 deaths, 30 cases, 1806 susceptible	The swine were traced back to a farm in Jiamusi, Heilongjiang Province.
3	Lianyungang, Jiangsu Province	August 15, 2018	OIE: August 19, 2018 MARA: August 19, 2018	88 deaths, 615 cases, 14686 susceptible	There was an OIE follow-up report. See #9.
4	Wenzhou, Zhejiang Province	August 17, 2018	OIE: August 23, 2018 MARA: August 23, 2018	340 deaths, 430 cases, 1864 susceptible	First case where MARA reported “effectively dealt with” instead of “effectively controlled.”
5	Wuhu City, Anhui Province	August 29, 2018	OIE: August 30, 2018	80 deaths, 185 cases, 459 susceptible	This outbreak was reported as a follow-up report to #5.

			MARA: August 30, 2018		
6	Xuancheng (Wuxing Township), Anhui Province	August 19, 2018	OIE: September 3, 2018 MARA: September 2, 2018	111 deaths, 153 cases, 440 susceptible	This outbreak was reported as a follow-up report to #5.
7	Xuancheng (Guquan Town), Anhui Province	August 22, 2018	OIE: September 3, 2018 MARA: September 2, 2018	42 deaths, 63 cases, 285 susceptible	This outbreak was reported as a follow-up report to #5.
8	Xuancheng (Jinba office), Anhui Province	August 27, 2018	OIE: September 3, 2018 MARA: September 3, 2018	83 deaths, 152 cases, 308 susceptible	This outbreak was reported as a follow-up report to #5.
9	Wuxi, Jiangsu Province	August 29, 2018	OIE: September 4, 2018 MARA: September 3, 2018	9 deaths, 12 cases, 97 susceptible	This outbreak was reported as a follow-up report to #3.
10	Jiamusi, Heilongjiang Province	September 1, 2018	OIE: September 5, 2018 MARA: September 5, 2018	12 deaths, 39 cases, 87 susceptible	This was the same city as the pig farm connected to the Zhengzhou outbreak, but not the same farm.
11	Chuzhou, Anhui	August 17,	OIE:	22 deaths, 62	This outbreak was

	Province	2018	September 6, 2018 MARA: September 6, 2018	cases, 886 susceptible	reported as a follow-up report to #5.
12	Jiamusi, Heilongjiang Province	September 1, 2018	OIE: September 6, 2018 MARA: September 6, 2018	10 deaths, 26 cases, 203 susceptible	This outbreak was reported as a follow-up report to #10.
13	Wuhu (Xuzhen Township), Anhui Province	August 31, 2018	OIE: September 6, 2018 MARA: September 6, 2018	22 deaths, 62 cases, 886 susceptible	This outbreak was reported as a follow-up report to #5.
14	Xuancheng (Tianhu Township), Anhui Province	August 31, 2018	OIE: September 6, 2018 MARA: September 6, 2018	15 deaths, 15 cases, 52 susceptible	This outbreak was reported as a follow-up report to #5.

Unofficially translated excerpts of MARA press conferences regarding ASF:

August 29, 2018 MARA Press Conference

Link: http://www.moa.gov.cn/xw/zwdt/201808/t20180829_6156497.htm

Summary: Four outbreaks have been *effectively dealt with* (该起疫情已得到有效处置), however, the extent of the epidemic remains to be further investigated and the possibility of new epidemics cannot be ruled out. (Post note: previously MARA had stated that the outbreaks had been “effectively controlled,” or 该起疫情已得到有效控制。) The disease has been prevalent in neighboring countries for a long time and it has spread and spread. The risk of re-introduction is still very high.

September 2, 2018 MARA Press Conference

Link: http://www.moa.gov.cn/xw/zwdt/201809/t20180902_6156673.htm

Summary: The current ASF epidemic is generally controllable. A total of 37,271 pigs have been culled; over 23 million sites were inspected and 1.03 billion pigs. MARA blamed the epidemic on being introduced from abroad. Suspend out-of-province movement for epidemic provinces. Close the live pig trade market in the province. Provinces that do not have an epidemic situation should not pass through provinces with epidemics.